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1. SUMMARY. A SPEECH LAST WEEK BY YUNNAN'S NEW PARTY FIRST SECRETARY CHIA CHI-YUN, AND AN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL, HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE PROVINCE'S NEW LEADERSHIP IS MOUNTING A COMPREHENSIVE DRIVE AGAINST THEPTONG-FESTERING FACTIONAL PROBLEM THERE. CHIA IS APPARENTLY USING THE NOW DEVELOPING TACHAI CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN HOUSE, AS WELL AS TO THWART THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO USE TACHAI EMULATION AS A MEANS TO SIDETRACK THE ANTI-FACTIONALISM DRIVE. THE INTENSITY OF THE CAMPAIGN IS REMINISCENT OF THE CHEKIANG CLEANUP LAST AUGUST. END SUMMARY

2. YUNNAN'S NEW PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, CHIA CHI-YUN
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(REF. A), IN HIS FIRST MAJOR POLICY SPEECH, HAS LAUNCHED

A STRONG CRITICISM OF FACTIONAL TENDENCIES IN THE PROVINCE. SPEAKING AT A MASS RALLY ON THE LEARN FROM TACHAI CONFERENCE, CHIA STATES THAT "NO MATTER WHICH FACTION YOU BELONGED TO IN THE PAST AND NO MATTER WHAT MISTAKE YOU MADE IN THE PAST," THE TACHAI CAMPAIGN PROVIDES A MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING ONE'S LOYALTY TO THE REVOLUTION (YUNNAN OCTOBER 30 BROADCAST). IN OUTLINING STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TACHAI CAMPAIGN, CHIA LAYS CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON THE NEED FOR "RECTIFICATION" OF LEADERSHIP GROUPS, PARTICULARLY AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. HE ECHOES HUA KUO-FENG'S TACHAI SPEECH (REF C) IN CALLING FOR PURGES IN THOSE "FEW UNITS WHERE THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS AND BOURGEOIS FACTIONALISM IS SERIOUS." AT THE SAME TIME, HE URGES A CERTAIN DEGREE OF CAUTION, WARNING THAT THE PARTY MUST "TRANSFORM IDEOLOGY MORE AND PEOPLE LESS."

3. CHIA'S BROADSIDE WAS FOLLOWED BY AN EVEN MORE EXPLICIT CONDEMNATION OF FACTIONALISM IN A YUNNAN DAILY EDITORIAL. A NOVEMBER 2 BROADCAST QUOTING THE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT BOURGEOIS FACTIONALISM "HAS SERIOUSLY INTERFERED WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WORK IN OUR PROVINCE" AND HAS CAUSED "SOME LEADERSHIP GROUPS" TO BE "UNABLE TO EXERCISE STRONG AND UNIFIED LEADERSHIP." POINTING TO THE IMMEDIACY OF THE ISSUE, IT WARNS THAT SETTING THE TACHAI CAMPAIGN AGAINST "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL CCP COMMITTEE IS TOTALLY WRONG." IN ITS CONCLUSION, THE EDITORIAL CALLS ON THE LOCAL PARTY TO "EXPOSE THE BOURGEOIS WIND AND THE VARIOUS TYPES OF CAPITALIST ACTIVITIES WHICH GO ON UNDER THE COVER OF FACTIONALISM, DEAL FIERCE BLOWS AT THE CLASS ENEMIES WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES....., AND IN PARTICULAR DIG UP THOSE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN CONCEALED RATHER SECURLY BY MEANS OF FACTIONALISM."

4. CHIA'S SPEECH CONTAINS FIVE REFERENCES IN QUICK SUCCESSION TO THE "MASS MOVZPENT OF STUDYING ONE THING, CRITICIZING FOUR THINGS AND SPEAKING OF FIVE THINGS." THIS IS A VARIATION ON AN EARLIER STUDY CRITICISM FORMULA REFLECTING CENTER INSTRUCTIONS (HONG KONG 10083), WHICH HAS ADDED BOURGEOIS FACTIONALISM AS A CRITICISM

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TOPIC. THIS VARIATION HAS SO FAR BEEN NOTED ONLY IN YUNNAN, WHERE IT HAS APPEARED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE EARLY OCTOBER, I.E., APPROXIMATELY THE DATE OF CHIA'S APPOINTMENT AND THE RESHUFFLE OF LOCAL MILITARY LEADERS.

5. IN AN UNUSUAL MOVE, CHIA HAS ALSO PUBLICLY NAMED PROVINCIAL DEPUTY SECRETARY CHILIN WANDAN AND MODEL RUSTICATED YOUTH AND CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ALTERNATE CHU

KO-CHIA AS COMRADES WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO GO TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO TAKE CHARGE OF TACHAI EMULATION DRIVES. THE AREAS WHERE THEY WILL GO ARE BOTH MINORITY REGIONS, AN INDICATION THAT, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF B), YUNNAN STILL FACES SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH ITS MINORITIES.

6. COMMENT. YUNNAN HAS LONG SUFFERED FROM FACTIONAL DISPUTES AND UNREST, MUCH OF IT DUE TO POOR RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HAN CHINESE AND THE VARIOUS MINORITY NATIONALITIES, AS INDICATED BY THE CADRE ASSIGNMENTS NOTED ABOVE. YET THE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON OVERCOMING FACTIONALISM SEEMS BROADER THAN A MERE NATIONALITY PROBLEM. IN THE PAST, THE PROVINCIAL PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS AS WELL AS MASS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN FACTIONAL STRUGGLES AT ALL LEVELS. THESE GROUPS MUST STILL BE INVOLVED IF, JUDGING FROM THE EDITORIAL, SOME ELEMENTS HAVE USED THE TACHAI LESSON-LEARNING TASKS AS A WAY OF AVOIDING PROVINCIAL DIRECTIVES AGAINST FACTIONALISM. THE MEDIA ATTENTION TO FACTIONALISM IS THE MOST FORCEFUL WE HAVE SEEN SINCE THE CHEKIANG BROADCASTS LAST AUGUST, AND PRESUMABLY HERALDS THE SAME TYPE OF COMPREHENSIVE ATTACK ON FACTIONS, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY THE JULY PLA INVOLVEMENT. IT APPEARS THAT CHIA CHI-YUN HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE SPECIAL MISSION OF STRAIGHTENING OUT YUNNAN, AND IS USING THE TACHAI CAMPAIGN AS A MEANS TO MOBILIZE CADRE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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